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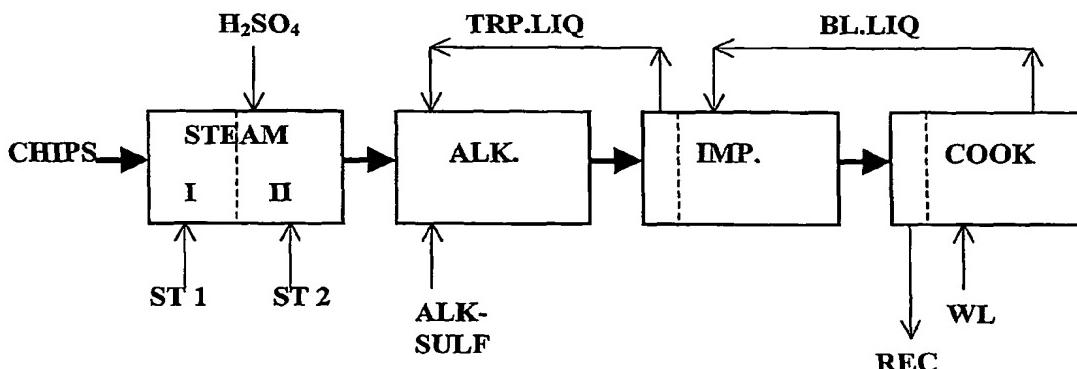
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a method for the pretreatment of chips that are fed to a sulphate cooking process. Through the addition of an acidic fluid to the steam treatment step, a very high ionic concentration of hydrogen ions is achieved. When the chips are subsequently formed into a slurry with a preferably sulphide-rich alkali cooking fluid, H₂S is formed locally in the chips, which gives a yield-increasing effect for the subsequent cooking step of 1-3%.